

REMARKS

This Application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action electronically sent May 27, 2008. Claims 1-52 are pending in this application. Claims 13-52 are withdrawn. Claims 1-11 are rejected and Claim 12 is objected to. For at least the reasons provided below, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claim 12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and that Claims 1-11 appear to be allowable other than for the double patenting rejection.

Double Patenting

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-3, 10, and 11 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 7,321,729 in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/003639 issued to Arecco et al. ("*Arecco*"). The Examiner also rejects Claims 4-9 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 2-7 of *Arecco*.

Applicants respectfully file herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejections. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-11, as well as Claim 12 which depends from Claim 1.

CONCLUSION

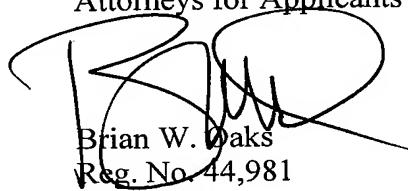
Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the Examiner is invited to contact Brian W. Oaks, Attorney for Applicants, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6986.

Although Applicants believe that no fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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